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SUBJECT: AF/AFR WORKING SESSION WITH GUINEAN MINISTERIAL
DELEGATION

1. GUINEAN MINISTERIAL DELEGATION, HEADED BY MOUSSA
DIAKITE, HELD PRODUCTIVE WORKING SESSION FEB 12 WITH REPS
OF AFR/CWR, AID/FFP, CU/AF, AND USDA, CHAIRED BY ACTING
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY. MEETING FOLLOWED CALLS ON
ACTING SECRETARY (SEPTTEL) AND AID DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR
MURPHY. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HELPED CLARIFY THINKING ON
ALL SIDES. GUINEANS SEEMED REASONABLY PLEASED WITH RE-
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SULTS, EVEN THOUGH NO ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED.

MR. MULCAHY PROVIDED MINISTER DIAKITE WITH LETTER (COPY
POUCHED) OUTLINING PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM, GESTURE WHICH LATTER OBVIOUSLY APPRECIATED.

2. DIAKITE GAVE CLEAR RUNDOWN GUINEA'S UNDERSTANDING OF
PROPOSED AID AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. GUINEANS ARE ON SAME
WAVE LENGTH WITH CWR, EVEN THOUGH THEY OBVIOUSLY HAD
HOPED FOR MORE EXTENSIVE PROGRAM. MINISTER STRESSED NEED
FOR URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
1975 RAINY SEASON. IF EFFORTS NOT UNDERWAY BY LATE APRIL,
HE EXPLAINED, PROJECT WOULD ONLY BEGIN IMPACT ON 1976
GROWING SEASON. SHEAR, RESPONDING FOR CWR, EXPLAINED

NEED FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL WHICH WOULD BE IN CONTEXT
FY-76 FUNDING PROPOSAL.

3. SHEAR SUGGESTED PROJECT COULD BE ADVANCED IF GUINEA
WISHED TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY WITH COUNTERPART FUNDED
ASPECTS OF PROGRAM. HE ALSO SAID GUINEAN CADRES TO BE
ENGAGED IN PROJECT COULD BE MARSHALED SHORTLY TO BEGIN
PRELIMINARY WORK. SHEAR PROMISED AID WILL TRY TO BE
RESPONSIVE TO GUINEAN SENSE OF URGENCY. DIAKITE SAID
MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE GOG
COULD APPROVE LOCAL/HARD CURRENCY FUNDING MIX, POINTING
OUT SEVERE LIMITATIONS ON WHAT SORTS OF ITEMS COULD BE
PURCHASED WITH SYLIS.

4. GUINEANS WISHED TO KNOW ORDER OF MAGNITUDE PROPOSED
PROJECT. SHEAR REPORTED PROJECT REVIEW PAPER, GIVING
FULL DETAILS, ONLY RECENTLY HAS BEEN PREPARED AND WILL
SHORTLY BE DISCUSSED BY APPROPRIATE PARTIES IN AID.
DIAKITE WAS INFORMED THAT DOCUMENT WILL BE TRANSLATED
AND FORWARDED TO EMBASSY CONAKRY FOR TRANSMISSION TO
GOG IN WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

5. IN DISCUSSING PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR,
SHEAR MENTIONED UNOFFICIAL FIGURE OF DOLS SIX MILLION,
INCLUDING 10,000 TONS EACH OF WHEAT AND RICE. HE
STRESSED FACT THAT GUINEA PROGRAM HAS NOT YET CLEARED
ALL INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE HURDLES, THUS COMMITMENT NOT
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FINAL. USDA REP DISCUSSED NEED FOR BACKGROUND DATA
(ESPECIALLY ON RICE), LONG DELAYS IN SUBMISSION COM-
PLIANCE REPORTS (NOW LAGGING ONE YEAR BEHIND), AND DEBT
SITUATION. ACCORDING USDA, GUINEA STILL OWED CCC
APPROXIMATELY DOLS 14,000 AS OF DEC 31, 1974. LACK OF
AVAILABILITY SOYA OIL FOR THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM ALSO
EXPLAINED. GUINEANS WERE UNDERSTANDABLY DELIGHTED TO
LEARN OF PROBABLE AVAILABILITY RICE.

6. DR, KEKOURA CAMARA DELIVERED SPECIAL EXPRESSION APPRECIATION FOR RAPID, EFFECTIVE AID ASSISTANCE IN COMBATTING RECENT OUTBREAK BOVINE PNEUMONIA.

7. SHEAR INDICATED AID PREPARING POSITIVE RESPONSE TO GUINEA REQUEST FOR VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE IN AREAS EFFECTED BY DROUGHT. PROPOSED PROGRAM WILL FALL UNDER SAHEL R AND R FUNDING, THUS IS NOT SUBJECT TO SEPARATE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

8. PRESENTATION BY CU/AF ON SCHOLARSHIP POSSIBILITIES IS SUBJECT SEPTEL.

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